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It is certified that error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the Title Page

Item (57), after line 18 under "**ABSTRACT**", replace "**5 Claims**," with  
--**6 Claims**--.

In the Claims

In column 12, after claim 5, line 29, insert claim 6 as follows.

--6. A female coupler as set forth in claim 4 further comprising a second urging member for urging said outer movable member from said unlocking position towards said locking position.--

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